

Method for the production of 2,4,5-trimethylphenyl acetic acid

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10 The present invention relates to a novel process for preparing 2,4,5-trimethylphenylacetic acid, in which pseudocumene is reacted with dichloroacetyl chloride in a Friedel-Crafts reaction to give 2,2-dichloro-1-(2,4,5-trimethylphenyl)ethanone, and 2,4,5-trimethylmandelic acid is prepared from it using an alkali metal hydroxide and reduced to 2,4,5-trimethylphenylacetic acid.